AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Canceled)

2. (Previously Presented) A method of providing left side cardiac support comprising:

introducing a fluid delivery conduit into the left atrium, the fluid delivery conduit being in communication with a fluid source, the fluid delivery conduit further including an opening and a hemostatic seal sealing the opening;

introducing an intake cannula through the hemostatic seal and opening of the fluid delivery conduit and into the left ventricle, the intake cannula being coupled to a blood pump;

operating the blood pump to intake blood from the left ventricle through the intake cannula, and

delivering fluid from the fluid source through the fluid delivery conduit into the left atrium when a condition of negative pressure exists in the left atrium.

3. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 2, wherein the delivery of fluid reduces a pressure differential between a location ~~the blood~~ within the left atrium and the air outside of the heart.

4. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 2, wherein the delivery of fluid eliminates a pressure differential between a location ~~the blood~~ within the left atrium and the air outside of the heart.

5. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 2, wherein the intake cannula is disposed in a generally coaxial fashion within the fluid delivery conduit.

6. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 2, wherein the intake cannula is introduced into the left ventricle by insertion through the left atrium and passage through the mitral valve.

Claims 7-19. (Canceled)